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HIGHER EDUCATION

Legislators eye mission changes

Southern, Western bill on fast track

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Legislation to enhance Missouri Southern's international mission is on the state's legislative fast track.

According to Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin), a bill calling for such a change will be introduced today. Burton said area legislators and College officials are seeking quick action on the measure.

"We are definitely going to ask for a fast hearing," Burton said. "Tim Green (D-St. Louis) will sponsor [the legislation] here in the House, and we think by him being from the other side of the aisle we can move this along." (Rep.) Chuck Surface (R-Joplin) and I will sign on as co-sponsors.

"In the other chamber, I think (Sen.) Sid Johnson (D-Gower) will be sponsoring with Sen. (Marvin) Singleton (R-Seneca) as a co-sponsor."

The legislation comes on the heels of action by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education earlier this month. At a special meeting, the Board directed the College to "develop such academic support programs and public service activities it deems necessary and appropriate to establish international or global education as a distinctive theme of its mission."

The legislation would establish Southern as an institution with a distinct international mission.

"It is truly exciting that the Coordinating Board has decided that Missouri Southern will be the school in Missouri to specialize in international education," said Dr. Julio Leon, College president.

If the bill is approved, the College would have 12 months to

submit to the CBHE a three-year plan outlining admissions requirements, program changes, institutional performance goals, assessment measures, and fees appropriate to the new statutory mission. The cost of such a plan, if implemented, would be approximately \$2.2 million over the three years.

Burton said the bill will have the support of "a pretty good coalition" in the House.

"I haven't heard any opposition to the mission change," he said. "I'm sure there will be some questions, but I think it will do well."

"We'll go with which ever version makes the fastest progress. If it's in the House, that's fine and if it's in the Senate, that's fine, too."

Leon shares Burton's optimism.

"We already have some built-in awareness already," he said. "We've got a good 50-60 people already in the House who know what this is about and it takes 82 to pass, so we've got a good start."

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said Southern already has begun preliminary work on the College's three-year plan.

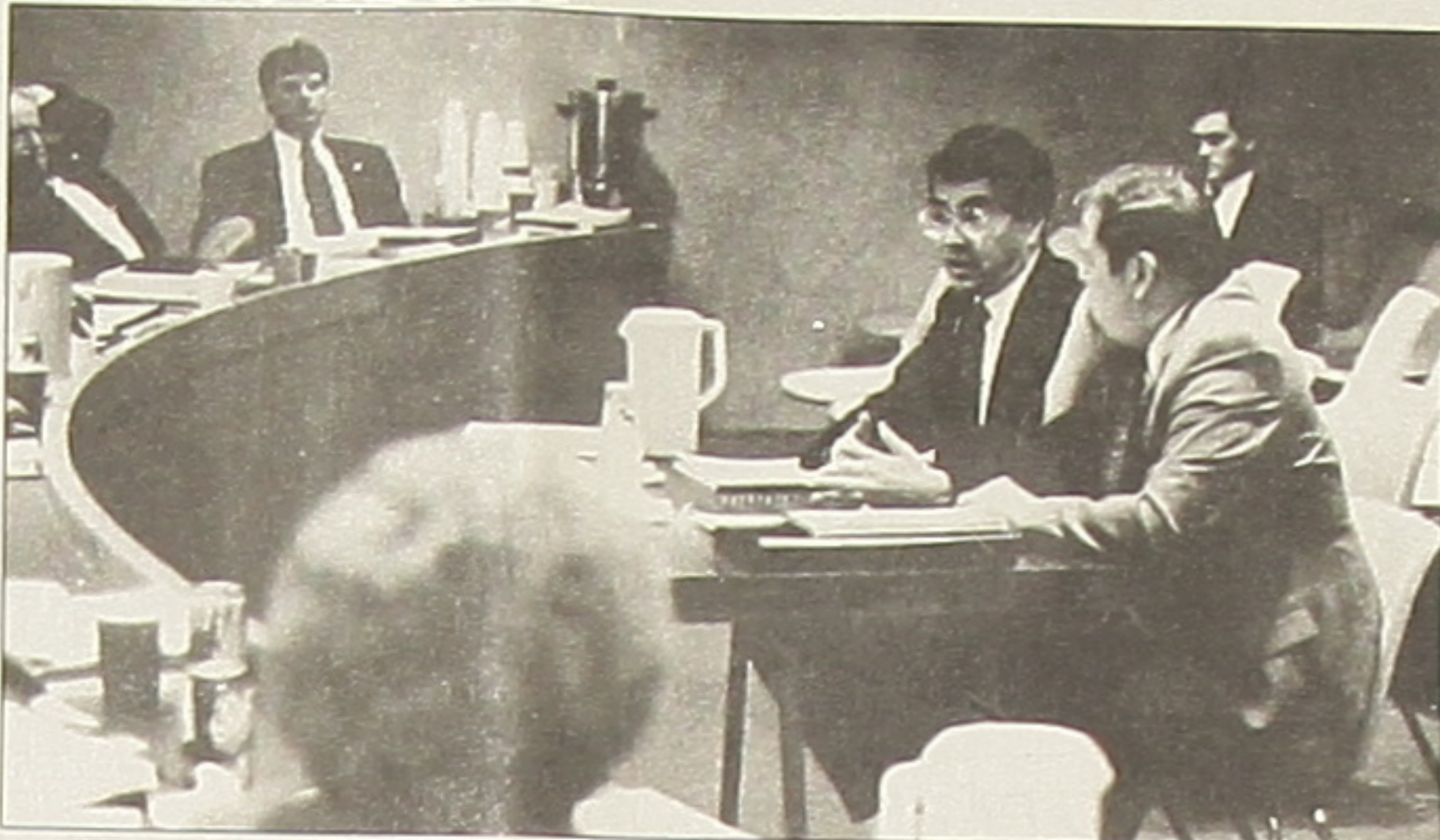
"What we are hoping will come out of this is a blueprint for international education at the College," he said. "A lot of things fed into this, but out of this will come our plan."

"The first hurdle is the legislature."

Leon said the initial decision to pursue such a mission was a result of the CBHE and General Assembly's desire to base funding on more than enrollment numbers.

"Putting growth first sent the wrong message about how to secure funding," he said. □

PLEADING THE CASE



College President Julio Leon and Senior Vice President John Tiede took Southern's case to the Capitol Tuesday. Both testified before the House appropriations committee (see related story, page 9).

INTERNATIONAL TASK FORCE

Subcommittees issue reports

By T.R. HANRAHAN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

College faculty and staff have brought Missouri Southern one step closer to campus-wide international education.

Among ideas presented to the international task force yesterday were a major in international studies, improved and enhanced foreign language programs, English as a Second Language modifications, student exchanges, and improved services for international students.

The proposals were part of reports presented by the task force's five subcommittees. The most detailed of the plans was submitted by the subcommittee on curriculum. Its suggestions outlined a possible major in international studies. Richard Massa, communications department head and chair of the subcommittee, said the plan is original to Southern.

"At our first meeting we looked at 320 international majors at colleges

from across the nation," he said. "Perhaps you could find some of these courses or some of these requirements at other colleges, but this one has no model."

"This is what the experts on our committee came up with for Missouri Southern."

The proposed major would require:

- 51 hours of core requirements
- A three-hour computer literacy course
- 12 hours (four courses in one foreign language) of foreign language studies
- 42 hours of international studies courses, including six additional upper-division hours of foreign language and 18 hours of electives in approved international courses
- 20 hours of general electives

Massa told the task force that international courses would be designated "M" classes based on the Latin word *mundus* meaning "world." Such a designation would help distinguish the courses from

writing intensive or "WI" courses. Work has begun on determining the criteria for such courses, he said.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said such a program would initially, but not permanently, fall under his jurisdiction.

"We hope to eventually have a school of international studies," he said. "At first, the director would not have a faculty per se; they would be adjunct appointments."

Each of the subcommittee heads stressed the importance of international education in students' success.

"The goal of our subcommittee, as with the international major, is to extend an opportunity for exposure to other cultures," said Rebecca Spracklen, assistant professor of English and chair of the subcommittee on overseas exchanges. "If more and more people are going and more and more people are coming, I can't think it would be anything other than wonderful." □

BOARD OF REGENTS

Board hears budget news

By JOHN HACKER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Students will have to wait until February to learn how much it will cost to attend Missouri Southern next fall.

College President Julio Leon told the Board of Regents Friday that the College needed more time to study the budget recommendations made by Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan last week.

Carnahan has recommended a 5.1 percent increase in Southern's state appropriation from \$14.2 million in fiscal year (FY) 1995 to \$14.9 million in FY 1996.

Leon said Carnahan is also pushing a number of one-time appropriations, including \$70,000 for new information technology, \$112,000 for academic equipment, and \$500,000 from lottery and gaming revenue for infrastructure improvements.

"We expected to recommend a new schedule of tuition and fees at this meeting," Leon told the Board. "However, we need a little more time because the governor has departed a little from the norm with his recommendations."

Leon believes the administration needed to study how the one-time appropriations were to be spent.

"Usually one-time appropriations come with requirements," he said. "We haven't had time to study them to see how they affect our plans and relate to what we are already spending."

Leon said he would not speculate on whether tuition would go up next fall until administrators finished their study.

The Board learned that preliminary spring enrollment figures show a slight decrease when compared to the spring of 1994.

"It seems to be a continuing pattern over the last three or four semesters," Leon said. "We seem to be losing part-time students." □

COZY CAT



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Mar-Kel West, 2, of Webb City finds a friend and a cozy seat from which to watch the Lady Lions tame the Northwestern Missouri State University Lady Bearcats 102-66 last night at Young Gymnasium.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

College: Intersession a success

Administration considering scheduling switch to avoid inclement weather

By DAN WISZKON
ARTS EDITOR

Something new was offered by Missouri Southern to those students who wanted to continue their education over Christmas break.

Intersession, an 11-day session between the fall and spring semesters, was tried as an experiment for the first time this year.

Some of the classes included traveling as part of field trips. The Civil Rights Odyssey of the South class

toured historic sites, and the Art Criticism class went to Chicago and St. Louis art museums.

"The intent is to give students and faculty the opportunity to do some unique things," said Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs. "I think it was a very positive experience for the College and for those who participated; we wouldn't do it again if it wasn't."

Bitterbaum said the intersession concept has been going on at other colleges and universities across the country for quite some time now, but the College decided to give it a try here. He said the total number of students who enrolled in Intersession was about 70.

Some of the classes, like

Fundamentals of Music, Selected Topics in Math, and Lesson in Leadership: Shakespeare As Text, had to be canceled due to poor enrollment.

"Intersession is a new concept that will take some time to develop," Bitterbaum said. "Those courses probably fell through due

things everyday in a row and have no real distractions from other classes made it extremely enjoyable."

Bruce Welch, senior management major, took two Intersession classes and said it allowed him to take a couple less hours this semester. He said the courses' speed

demeanor is most helpful to students' needs.

"I encourage anyone to take an Intersession course because it is more personal," Welch said. "And you receive more attention from

the instructors than you do in the regular semester."

The only possible drawback Bitterbaum cited about having these courses in early January was the bad weather. Therefore, the administration is considering moving Intersession between the spring semester and summer classes. Students can take Intersession classes and still have the chance to enroll in summer school, Bitterbaum said. He said the possibility of an intersession this spring is in the discussion stages.

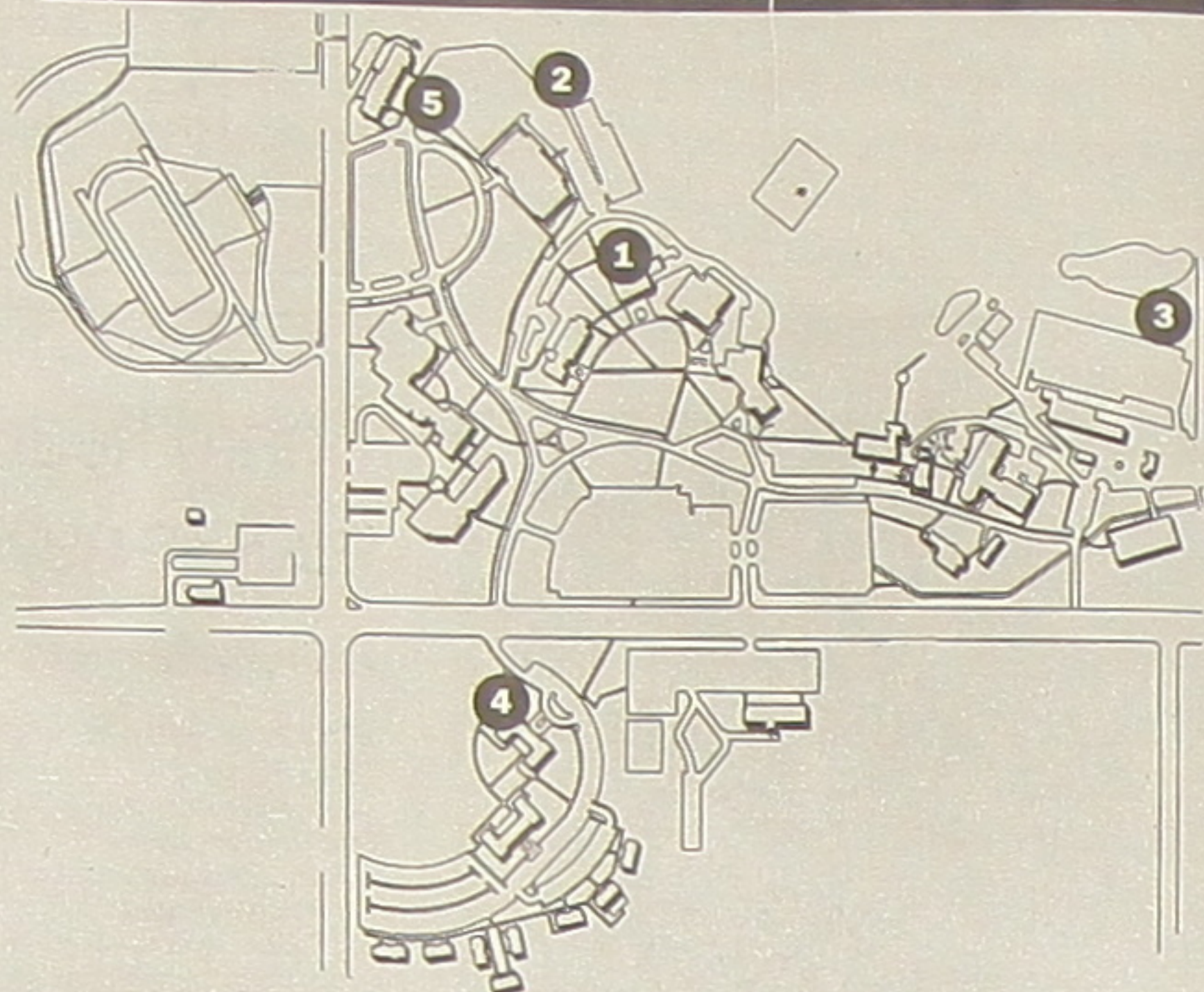
Spracklen applauds the idea of shifting Intersession to a different season of the year when the weather is nicer. □

to the fact that they were elected hours instead of major-type courses and core classes.

"We still think there is tremendous value in doing experimental types of things, and the concept will continue."

Rebecca Spracklen, assistant professor of English, taught an Intersession course covering the John Milton poem "Paradise Lost." She believes the smaller number of students in the class made it more enjoyable.

"It not only allowed me to talk about a subject I'm extremely fond of, but it was also a small-enough class that we can really communicate and get to know one another," Spracklen said. "Being able to condense and focus on the same

CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT

1 1/04/95 SPIVA LIBRARY 7:25 p.m.

Officer Everett Howard answered a call from Elaine Sandtorf, who said a person was copying files from the library computers, a practice prohibited by library policy. Arthur Lemasters said he was copying a Windows program from a College computer and gave the copies to Sandtorf.

2 1/05/95 LOT 10 8:20 a.m.

R.L. Bullis reported a stolen purse from his vehicle. Bullis estimated the theft occurred between 4:55 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. the day before. He said no damage was done to his Dodge van, so he may have left the door unlocked. The purse contained an undetermined amount of cash, Famous Barr, J.C. Penney credit cards, and insurance cards. There was also a payroll check from Party Steak to Ivaleen Bullis in excess of \$400.

3 1/07/95 FIELD SOUTH OF PHYSICAL PLANT 2:35 p.m.

Mike Fox, College employee, contacted security concerning smoke coming from the field south of the physical plant. The smoke was from a brush pile burning. The Joplin Fire Department was called and came to the scene. It said to allow the pile to burn as long as it was contained, which was done by Dwight Lunow, assistant director of the physical plant.

4 1/13/95 McCORMICK HALL 11:40 a.m.

A student's father accidentally stabbed himself while opening a bag with his knife. JEMS and JPD were on the scene. The man was taken to St. John's and treated for internal injuries.

5 1/16/95 LOT 12 12:53 p.m.

Campus security was notified by Rebecca Johnson of a hit and run to her 1995 Saturn. Damage occurred to the passenger side.

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ORIENTATION

LeBahn takes job at Arkansas Tech

By PAULA SMITH
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A third Missouri Southern staff member has moved to Arkansas Tech University. Lori LeBahn, former counselor/director of orientation, began her position of associate dean of students at the Russellville, Ark., university Jan. 9.

LeBahn has joined Dr. Robert Brown, former vice president for academic affairs at Southern, presently president of Arkansas Tech; and Dr. Earle Doman, former director of counseling at Southern, now vice president of student services at Arkansas Tech. She said she moved to advance her career.

"I felt it was a good opportunity for professional advancement," she said.

LeBahn said another reason influencing her move was to work

with Doman again.

"I enjoyed working with him at Missouri Southern tremendously," she said. "I wanted the opportunity to work with him again."

Doman said he was pleased to have LeBahn join his staff.

"She hit the ground running," he said.

LeBahn's duties have increased since she moved from Southern.

"I am co-advising the student government association, working on creating an extended orientation class, and also am in charge of handling student discipline," she said.

LeBahn said her sudden departure was difficult for her. Her decision to move to Arkansas Tech was made near the end of last semester.

"It was tough for me to leave when I did because I couldn't say goodbye to as many people as I wanted to," she said. □

A TASTE OF THE SEASON



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Gary Troxell, junior education major, gives Sandy Gillman, senior education major a closer look at the snow that fell here last week.

STUDENT SENATE

Applications available for four vacant seats

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
CAMPUS EDITOR

Students who missed the chance to join the Student Senate in August now have another opportunity.

Four seats, one from each class, are vacant leading into the semester, and senators encourage students to apply for the positions.

Shelby Hesterly, Senate vice president, believes the vacancies will be filled quickly.

"It's a good opportunity for those people who wanted to run in the main election but didn't," she said.

Interested students may pick up applications in the student services office in the Billingsly Student Center, Room 211. They must be returned to the same room as soon as possible.

Hesterly said the senators then will tell the applicants a date to appear before the Senate.

"They will have to come to a

meeting and tell us why they want to be on the Senate," she said. "And senators will have the opportunity to ask them additional questions."

Hesterly said if no students from a certain class apply for a seat within two weeks, that position then will be open to students from any class.

In other business, the Senate allocated itself \$500 at last week's meeting for its annual trip to Jefferson City on Feb. 20-21. Stacy Schoen, Senate president, said the trip is a good experience for the senators.

"We are there to represent Southern in a positive way," she said. "We have appointments with the governor and the lieutenant governor."

"They will be voting on a bill to give Missouri Southern money, and it helps to remind them we are here." □



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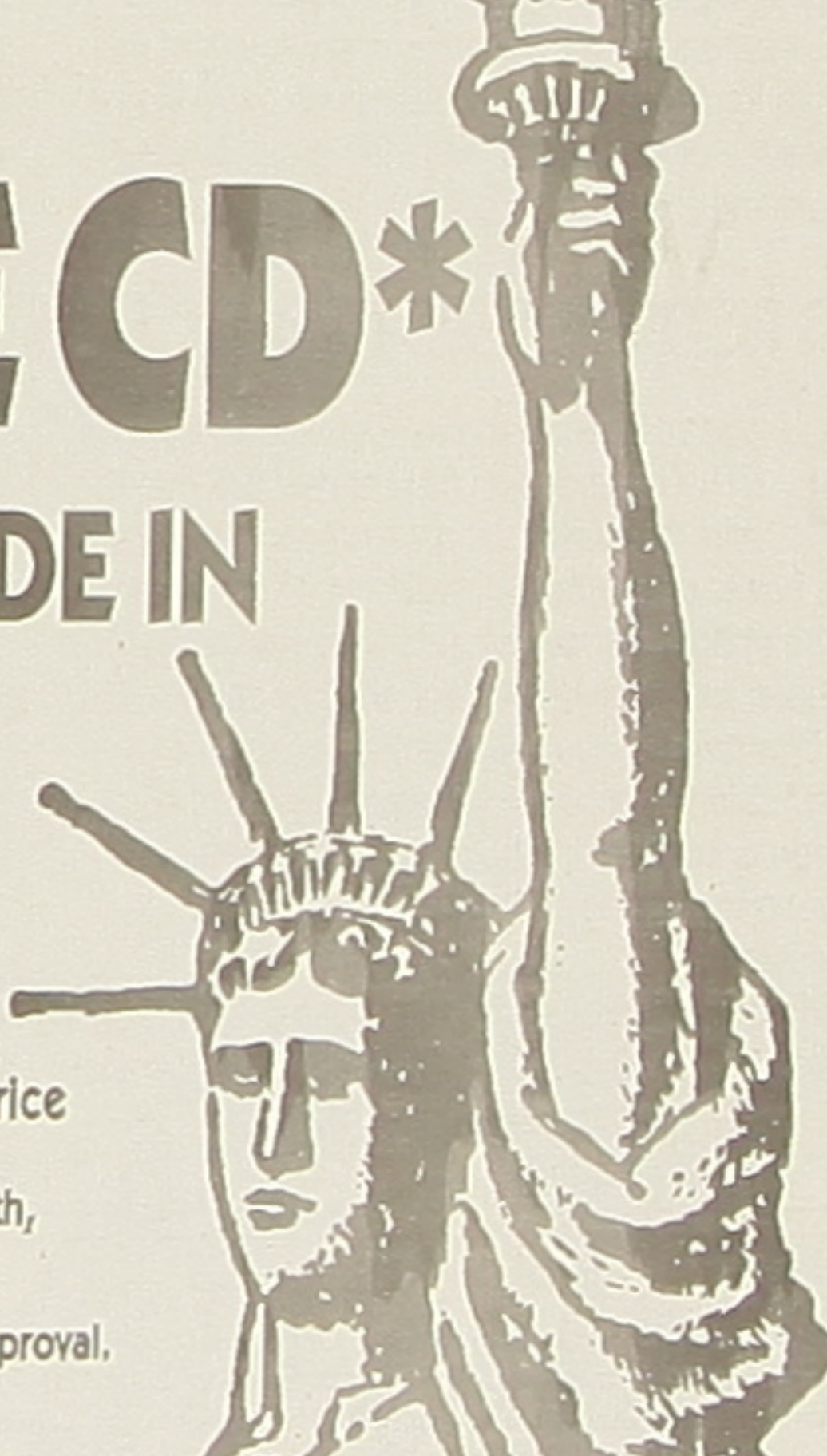
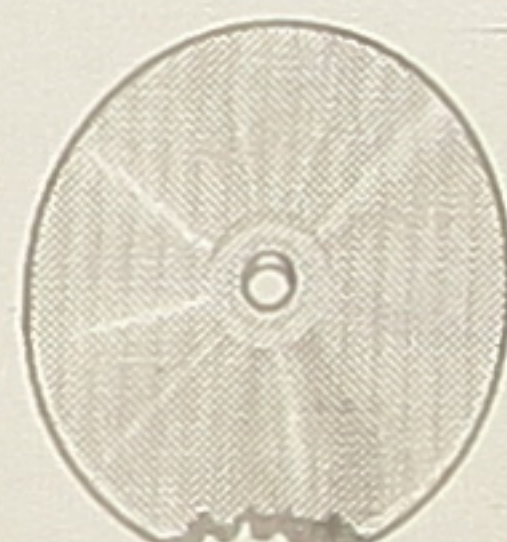
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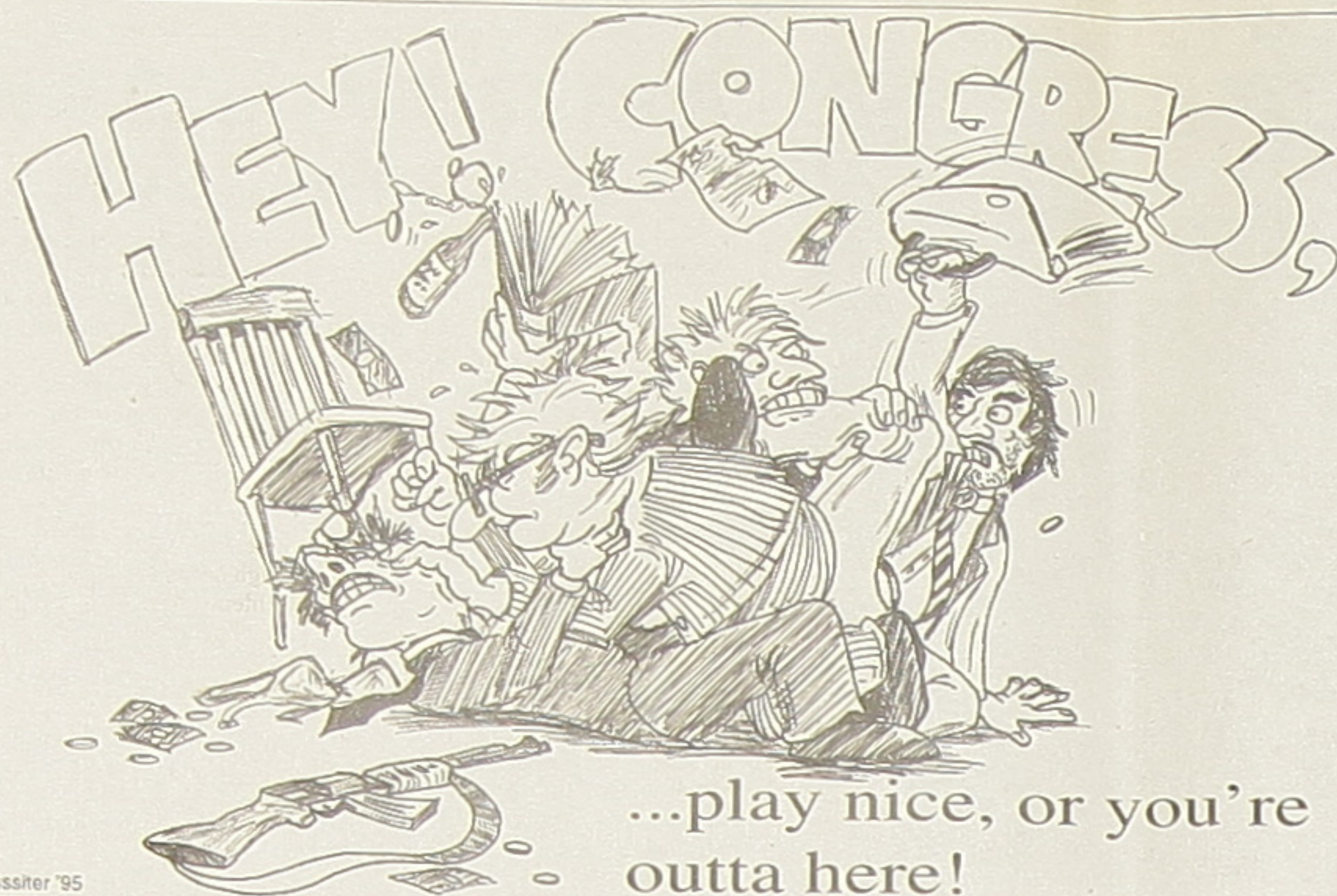
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HIGHER EDUCATION

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Legislature to take up mission

Finally. Today all the lip service that has been paid to international education over the last five years has become a chorus of practical proposals and concrete changes to make Missouri Southern the institution it pledged to students and faculty in the summer of 1990.

With legislation ready to be introduced today and the skeleton of a three-year plan already well into the planning stages, the College and the legislature have finally come together to fulfill the promise of truly reforming higher education here and around the state.

At Southern, plans are in the works for a major in international studies; incredible increases in the College's foreign language program; exchanges which could take our students to Asia, Africa, and South America; and an increased awareness of the needs of the international students who attend classes here.

The academic demands on students and the pedagogical challenges to faculty will indeed be great—but so will the rewards. Imagine being fluent in a foreign language, possessing a working knowledge of the world's environmental issues, and visiting a culture as alien to southwest

Missourians as anything imagined by Gene Roddenberry. It is becoming increasingly possible.

If the General Assembly approves this legislation, Southern says it will have a three-year plan ready relatively soon. Funding for the changes could begin to flow as early as 1996.

Close to home, Southwest Missouri State University is seeking an equally worthy mission—public affairs education. With Southern's international focus and SMSU's commitment to a civic-minded curriculum, the students of southwest Missouri will be served well and will serve well for years to come.

Elsewhere, Missouri Western State College seeks to expand on its commitment to open enrollment by pursuing a mission in remedial education. The people in the St. Joseph area will continue to pursue the opportunity to obtain a quality college education even if they do not qualify for admission at more selective institutions.

In the pending legislation, Western's fortunes are tied with Southern's, and local legislators forecast approval. If they are right, this will put Missouri higher education on the path to further refinements and point Missouri colleges and universities forward rather than backward. □

Intercession '95 a good start

Good news from the academic affairs office. The intercession held earlier this month was, by most accounts, a success. This is good news for faculty and students who will likely get the opportunity to give this type of experimental semester between semesters another chance. Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said the concept will continue and the College is considering holding an intercession between the spring 1995 and summer 1995 semesters.

Students who missed the trip with the Civil Rights Odyssey of the South class during the intercession

should let Bitterbaum's office know they are ready for their chance for "experimental" educational experiences. Imagine taking history by the throat on a trip through the deep south and tours of the sites where freedom was won for a great portion of this nation's citizens.

The intercession program is likely to grow and improve and the College should nurse it through its infant stages.

The classes are small, and sometimes the classroom is the world around us. The intercession is a wonderful opportunity students shouldn't deny themselves. □

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Congress: take charge

Restore our faith in the U.S. political system

Message to Washington politicians—stop bickering and get to work.

Every time a new election rolls around the public is overwhelmed by a wave of optimism that things will be better just because they changed. That only lasts until a politician opens his mouth with the first argumentative partisan statement of the new session.

I'm tired of politicians make inflammatory statements just to get themselves in the news.

I'm planning to make a career of covering politicians, but I hope I have to work harder than reporters in Washington have to now. I want to write stories about accomplishments of politicians and how hard they are working to serve the nation, not how they plan to defend themselves from the scandal-of-the-month.

Now, all reporters have to do is wait for the politicians to call a news conference and say something stupid. Instead of trying to balance the budget or deal with crime, too many politicians want that catchy statement that will get their face on television.

I watched C-SPAN last week when the House was arguing about Newt Gingrich's book deal. All I could think about is how much they could have gotten done if they had just been debating legislation for that three-hour period.

Bickering about book deals and other non-legislative topics on the House floor is a waste of time, and taxpayers are paying a lot of money so they can

waste that time. . . .

I've heard a lot of speculation about what message the voters were sending in the Nov. 8 election. Well, I'm a voter—here's my message.

• Quit dodging your responsibilities and balance the federal budget.

We don't need a balanced budget amendment, because in case of an economic emergency we might need to deficit

spend but wouldn't be able to.

All this middle-class tax-cut baloney is going to hurt the situation more than it will help. Taxes exist, and we have to live with them. I can live with them much better if I know they are being spent responsibly.

I think Americans would be less frustrated if Congress would act responsibly and stay within its means.

• Keep the government out of women's reproductive organs.

Abortion should not be a matter of government decision. Laws that restrict rights to abortion reduce women to second-class citizens. There are no such laws restricting what men can do with their bodies. Why should there be similar laws for women?

Information on all options should be available to everyone, and families have the final responsibility for educating their children in this matter. When a woman is of age she has the *only* say in what option she chooses.

• School prayer *absolutely* does not

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IN PERSPECTIVE

The Desire Factor

'Doing' more incentive than results

Desire builds power. I saw these three little words used together on one of those motivational poster ads while I was thumbing through a magazine on a plane coming home from the Caribbean over the holidays. Above the words was a picture of a humpback whale jumping straight out of the water. At that moment I thought, this needs to be on my wall at the counseling center. Those three little words, "desire builds power," seemed to jump off the page at me with a message I wanted to share with students.

Not 24 hours earlier I had been on a beach talking to a dive shop owner about the reef that was straight out past the protected cove from where I was standing. I could barely see where the water was breaking over the reef as I began putting on my fins and mask for the swim. Others along the beach were leisurely buying T-shirts from the vendors or getting their chairs situated just right to catch every warm ray of sun before they had to return their wintry homes.

As I swam, the wind was blowing harder than I had realized. I was getting gulps of saltwater in my snorkel, my mask kept fogging up, and the fins were rubbing blisters on the back of my heels. I swam and swam and suddenly realized I was more

tired than I thought, and the reef was much farther out than it looked from shore. The wind was pushing me the wrong direction, and I had to swim hard to my left to finally reach the reef. Minutes later, directly below me were six- to eight-foot-wide elkhorn coral. Schools of colorful fish were swimming all around. I spotted a rare scorpion fish and a type of jellyfish I had never seen before. Suddenly a wave slapped me sideways and the top of my leg crashed against the edge of an elkhorn branch. I thought to myself, this is going to feel just great when I get out of the

water, not to mention messing up the perfect tan I had been working for the past week.

Swimming back seemed to take forever.

At one point exhaustion turned to fear, but I kept swimming. I reached the shore where my husband was sunbathing and two women to the left of me were selling T-shirts. As I lay in the sand struggling with my fins, the women commented, "You certainly are brave." My husband asked, "Was it worth it?" I got up, smiled at the women, and sat down next to my husband looking for something to wipe the blood dripping down my leg. Honestly, I said to him, "I have seen much bigger and more brightly

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YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail addresses: TheChart@aol.com or HRKP31E@prodigy.com. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

LeBahn wishes College, students farewell

As some of you already know, on Jan. 9 I began a new job at Arkansas Tech. University as associate dean of students. I felt the need to write this letter since I did not have a chance to tell many of you goodbye. My decision to leave Southern was made public after the Thanksgiving break and due to the finals rush and the Christmas break, there was not much time to add closure to 11-and-a-half memorable and enjoyable years at

MSSC.

As a student at Southern from 1983-88 and then as an employee, I have had the pleasure to become closely acquainted with many administrators, faculty, and staff. Thank you for watching and helping me grow over the years. The daily encounters with each of you will be greatly missed. Your friendships will remain warm in my heart.

The students...you are truly what makes a job such as this worthwhile. The pride in

your growth and accomplishments kept me motivated year after year. I hope to make it back for each graduation to share in the result of your hard work. Hang in there...it will be worth it.

Thank you for an excellent education, an exciting profession, and a lifetime full of friendship.

With fond memories,
Lori LeBahn

(LeBahn was the director of orientation at Missouri Southern.)

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MICHAEL LATAS

Networking connections aid in career placement

Networking is the key to a successful job search and is often overlooked. Connect with the right people who have the most friends, neighbors, relatives, and connections in the right places. Who you know does make a difference.

There are three types of people that you will meet through your network: Givers, Traders, and Takers. Learn to see which type a contract is; it determines how much help they will be of to you.

Givers can not seem to do enough for anyone. This includes favors, volunteering when no one else will, helping, giving gifts, you name it. You can always count on them. They make great contacts.

Traders are willing to give or do only as much as they will get back in return. They are as good or reliable of a contact as you are willing to make them.

Takers are self-centered people who are always preoccupied with what is in it for them. Forget asking them for any kind of help or consideration.

Now that you can recognize how helpful a contact will be, here are a few places to begin building your network. Remember, the

larger your network of contacts is the more job possibilities you create.

College Placement Office—Use your placement office, before or after you are out of college, to get great job leads and valuable resources. Also available is free counseling on job search.

College and Business Organizations—Call upon contacts that you have made through student or business organizations. Ask about job leads and viable job prospects. Also contact your alumni association. They have become increasingly active in job search networking and assistance.

Bankers—Bankers have great connections. All you have to do is ask. They are very active in their communities and welcome the opportunity to get to know their customers better. The majority are Givers and are always willing to help.

Past Employers—If you left former employers on favorable terms with good to above average work records, they are good leads for employment or job sources. Apply for your old job or a better one if you have increased your education or skills. This includes intern-

ships. If you liked your position, never hesitate to pursue it as a full-time job after graduation.

Unemployed Self-Help Organizations—Join a local or national self-help support organization. The members help one another with all aspects of job hunting including networking. Many of these groups work with temporary agencies and consulting and telemarketing firms. They can provide you with part-time, temporary work allowing you to earn money but remain available for interviews.

Conventions and Trade Shows—These events are always good places to find contracts and job leads. Get a list of all exhibitors or companies that will be attending. Make the rounds during the show and talk to as many companies as time permits. Always immediately follow up on all leads by phone, fax or mail.

These sources should be used only as a base from which to build your network. Try to increase your network every day. Your networking should start the day you begin looking for work and not conclude until you have secured a position. □

Coordinator, students agree network provides valuable resource for jobs

BY JONATHAN SABO
STAFF WRITER

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, networking is the most successful means of job searching.

Networking is the process people use to meet other professionals who can help them in their job search.

"Networking is essential to an effective job search," says Jennifer Yazell, career services coordinator at Missouri Southern. "Because so many employers never advertise their vacancies, they go by word of mouth. Employers like to hire people they know."

Yazell says she obtained her first "career" job through networking. She went to a school board meeting with a neighbor and spilled coffee on a stranger sitting next to her.

The stranger was Gib Garrow, president of the Neosho

Chamber of Commerce. After a brief conversation with Garrow she informed him she was new to the area and looking for a job. Garrow looked at her resume and told Yazell he knew of a job opening; a week later she had an interview.

Yazell says the important thing was spending the time to introduce herself and follow up on the interview.

She received a job as a life-skills instructor in charge of teaching classes to low-income people in search of jobs.

Alan Chenoweth, who works for Baird Kurtz & Dobson, a Joplin accounting firm, says "joining clubs is a great networking opportunity."

Chenoweth, a senior at Southern, was the president of the Accounting Club and a member of the Missouri Society of CPAs. He met a member of his current firm through an internship last fall at

Empire District. Sherry Gant, director of domestic violence/sexual assault intervention at the Lafayette House in Joplin, often hires through networking.

"Students aren't as confident as they should be," Gant says. "They shouldn't be so afraid to name-drop and say I'm the son of so-and-so."

She does add, however, that prospective employees should not be too pushy but still confident. Gant also advises interviewees to make sure name-dropping will benefit them before they use it in an interview.

Gant agrees that interest groups are a good way of networking, but she goes a step further to say that one should "take an active role in groups. Don't just sit there quietly." She also advises job seekers to do volunteer work. □

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that would be acceptable all religions. If I want to pray in school I can—that's guaranteed by the First Amendment. Get off the subject and go to work on measures that mean something.

I have other messages but I'm out of space so in parting I ask Congress to take charge and be the leaders we are paying for and make the tough decisions.

It won't be painless, but the alternative could break the U.S.

If Congress is fair, honest, and open in its decisions it will go a long way toward restoring American faith in a political system that is still the best in the world. □

CALDWELL, from page 4

I didn't think any more about that little adventure until that poster ad on the airplane. The humpback whale jumped straight out of the water for the same reason I swam to the reef—desire. Simple "desire" does not need any reason or evaluation. The reef was there and that's where I was going. Desire helps one work past exhaustion and through fear. Was it worth it? Was I brave? I don't know. However, I do know I would have felt cheated and regretted having sat on the beach that day and simply looked at that water breaking over the reef. I was satisfied with my decision. I was as much about doing and going as it was about what was there when I

reached the breaking water.

The poster ad meant so much because it reminded me the importance of the "desire" factor. My job is all about helping students. I try to be understanding and nurturing in my responses, thinking somehow something I do or say will make a difference in their success. A crucial factor I can't affect is "desire." Desire isn't the only element needed to be a successful student, but it is what gets you to class everyday, helps you through the fear of a class presentation, keeps you at the library, and sustains you during late hours of study. What level of "desire" do you bring with you the beginning of this semester? □

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Today 26

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—

Koinonia free lunch, Stegge Hall basement.

Noon to 1 p.m.—

Latter-Day Saints Student Association, BSC 313.

12:15 p.m.—

Model United Nations Club, Webster Hall III.

5:30 p.m.—

T. N. T. (Thursday-Nights-Together), free food, exciting programs, great speakers, Baptist Student Union.

Tomorrow 27

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.—

"Straight Talk for Crooked People," presented by Dr. Cal LeMon, Ph.D., Anderson Justice Center 125.

Noon—

Psychology Club, Taylor Hall 123.

Saturday 28

5:45 p.m.—

Lady Lions Basketball vs University of Missouri-Rolla, There.

7:45 p.m.—

Lions Basketball vs University of Missouri-Rolla, There.

8 p.m. to Midnight—

Dance Party, sponsored by CAB, DJ: PHW Productions, BSC Connor Ballroom.

Sunday 29

9:30 a.m.—

Fellowship Baptist Church College Sunday School, Baptist Student Union.

Monday 30

7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.—

CAB Movie: "The Fugitive," cost, 50 cents, BSC Second Floor Lounge.

Tuesday 31

Noon to 1 p.m.—

Latter-Day Saints Student Association, BSC 313.

12:15 p.m.—

College Republicans, BSC 311.

12:15 p.m.—

Non-Traditional Student Association, BSC First Floor Lounge.

7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.—

CAB Movie: "The Fugitive," cost, 50 cents, BSC Second Floor Lounge.

Wednesday 1

Black History Month

1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.—

Free, confidential HIV testing and counseling, call 625-9323 for appointment, Kuhn Hall 30L.

2 p.m.—

CAB meeting, free food, refreshments, all are welcome, BSC 311.

5:30 p.m.—

Student Senate, BSC 310.

5:30 p.m.—

Lady Lions Basketball vs University of Missouri-St. Louis, There.

7:30 p.m.—

Lions Basketball vs University of Missouri-St. Louis, There.

7:30 p.m.—

"Waiting for Godot," by Samuel Beckett, presented by Southern Theatre, Taylor Performing Arts Center (general admission \$3; students, faculty, staff free).

7:30 p.m.—

CAB Presentation: "The Passage," Billingsly Student Center Connor Ballroom.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CAB to begin Month with message

Play, 'The Passage,' to show purpose, determination

By CASEY MILLER
STAFF WRITER

Black History Month will begin Wednesday with a Campus Activities Board presentation of *The Passage*.

The play portrays a teenager's journey into the thick of the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s. It begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

Dietra Kelsey of Kelsey Productions, who wrote, directs, and is featured in the play, said the play is intended to show the purpose and determination of the leaders in the movement.

"If you realize how hard these people fought for you, you will appreciate it more," she said.

Kelsey plays Sam McAdoo, a modern-day teen who is guided through turning points of the Civil Rights movement by Rosa Parks. Parks is the African American woman who set off the Birmingham, Ala., bus boycott after being arrested for refusing to sit at the back of a bus.

Actress Darleen Owens portrays Rosa Parks as a woman of strength and character.

"I feel honored to be Rosa Parks," she said.

"She's a well-respected woman, someone I read about in school. I sometimes wonder, if I had lived at that time, would I have done the same thing?"

Although she is often told she resembles Rosa Parks, Owens said she did not look at her role as an imitation or a characterization.

"My director said I was halfway there because I look like her," she said. "I didn't feel the need to imitate her, but I wanted the personality and the views and the strength that she had to be projected across the audience."

McAdoo and Parks participate in history-making occurrences in the movement, from non-violent sit-ins to Black Panther demonstrations.

They meet a variety of Civil Rights figures, including Medgar Evers, Fannie Lou Hamer, and a young Jesse Jackson.

Although *The Passage* is about African Americans, Kelsey believes all people can learn from it.

"The Civil Rights movement is a model for all other movements," she said.

"If you look at organizations today, a lot of them use the same tactics. It is geared toward all races."

Kelsey Productions has been

A PIECE OF HISTORY



Kelsey Productions, a theatre group based in Washington D.C. and touring the United States, will perform 'The Passage' at Southern on Wednesday for Black History Month. The group includes (left to right) Reginald Humphrey, Belinda Kai, Dietra Kelsey, Michael Green, Darleen Owens, and Mick Hilgers.

touring the country for the past month with the play. Kelsey said the experience of traveling and performing has been rewarding, and has made her and the other actors better each day at portraying

the emotions of their characters. Audience reaction has been positive as well.

"They love it," she said. "They said I went through every stage of the 1960s."

Dixie Becktold, chairperson

for the CAB cultural affairs, hopes many will see the play in honor of Black History Month.

The CAB paid Kelsey Productions \$1,850 to perform. □

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

New minister welcomes any denomination

Members find home-away-from-home, meeting place in para-church organization

By PHYLLIS DETAR
STAFF WRITER

According to its new director, Victor Boll, the Baptist Student Union Center is not just for Baptists. Its members welcome students of any denomination and age.

Boll is not new to the area nor to Missouri Southern. Originally from Granby, he attended Crowder College for two years, Southwest Missouri State for one year, and graduated from Southern with a degree in liberal arts.

He received his master's degree in divinity from Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth in 1992.

He also met his wife, Amy, at the seminary, who received her master's degree in religious education.

After graduation, the Bolls moved to Atlanta where he was an intern in campus ministry at Kennesaw State College and Southern College of Technology.

Boll accepted the position of director of missions at the Missouri Southern Baptist Student Union upon completion of his internship.



Boll

"Like Mary and Joseph, we migrated from Atlanta via Ryder Truck and arrived here one week before classes started," Boll said. The Bolls are expecting their first child in March.

Since this directorship is a part-time position, he drives a

school bus for Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School as a second job.

The BSU is governed by a council of seven students of ministry. The present officers are Jeremy Brown, president; Cherona Phillips, missions; Carl Bhend, fellowship; Chris Wibberg, publicity; Jill Betts, music; DeAnna Rush, scrapbook; and Traci Tate, hostess.

There are BSU centers on nearly every campus in the United States and in some foreign countries.

"To walk through the door constitutes a membership; no fees; no dues. Everything is funded by the Southern Baptist Church," Boll said.

The center is open every day for television, ping pong, foos ball, and study.

Kitchen facilities are also available. The hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Monday and Thursday when the doors are open from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

"It is a home away from

home, a place to meet new friends," Boll said.

"The main purpose of the BSU is for college to be a healthy experience for students."

Twenty-four hour counseling is available to students concerning anything that is troubling them.

"This is not a church. We are not a para-church organization. We are here as a mission to the campus put here by the Southern Baptist denomination," Boll said. "This does not include students of other denominations. Sometimes we have more non-members than Baptist members present."

When Boll arrived, the building had been idle for a year. The previous director left because the position had become a part-time one. The membership has grown from three members at the beginning of the fall semester to 40. Future plans include an addition to the present building, which they have outgrown.

The center offers many activities. A Monday night Bible study class takes place at 7 p.m.

Fifty-two churches in the association take turns serving a free meal starting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

A program of various speakers on subjects of interest to students follows the dinner.

A special welcome party will take place at 5:30 tonight. Everyone is to dress in his or her favorite sports attire. There will be free food and drinks.

On Feb. 16, members will celebrate Valentine's Day with a banquet.

Weekend activities occur at least twice a month. Students interested in participating may call 624-0925 for further information.

In describing his many functions as director of campus ministries for the BSU, Boll said, "I'm just an ordinary person in an extra-ordinary calling." □

COUNSELING CENTER

Orientation leader positions available

By GENIE UNDERNEHR
CAMPUS EDITOR

Beginning Monday, students may apply for Fall 1995 College Orientation leader positions at Missouri Southern.

Susan Williams, interim director of orientation, said 50 positions are open to students who have at least 50 credit hours and a 2.5 grade-point average. Additional qualifications include leadership experience, organizational skills, communication skills, and a familiarity with the campus.

"We want students who will take a sincere interest in wanting to help incoming students," Williams said.

Liliana Valencia, junior music education major, begins her second semester as an orientation leader.

"When I first came to Southern, I felt lost," she said. "I didn't know how everyone found their classes. My friends told me about the College Orientation course, and it helped me."

"Any information incoming students can learn about the College helps them," she said, "whether it is how to use the Learning Center or the hours at the swimming pool."

Williams said each leader will teach an eight-week class of 15 to 20 incoming students, including freshmen, non-traditional, and transfer students. Leaders will attend nine training sessions.

"These sessions will cover topics such as library and study skills, pre-enrollment processes, classroom management, how to figure GPA, where to go for career counseling, campus history, and dealing with certain kinds of student types," Williams said.

"We just want to make sure all the leaders are fine-tuned in the skills needed to teach incoming students."

Leadership training is taught as part of Psychology 498, Leadership Training, and leaders receive two credit hours the first semester and one credit hour each semester thereafter.

Williams said the experience benefits leaders within all majors.

"In taking charge of a classroom, the Orientation leaders learn things they will take with them wherever they go," Williams said.

Joe Leonard, a junior speech communications major, is an Orientation leader this semester.

"I have benefited most from seeing how I can improve my leadership and interpersonal skills," Leonard said. "And I get satisfaction in being able to help other students through the rough spots in their first semester."

Applications are available in the counseling center in Hearn Hall and must be returned, with a written faculty recommendation, by Friday, March 3. Williams and an executive board, consisting of past leaders, will interview applicants and make selections by Wednesday, March 22.

For more information, students may contact Williams at 625-9542. □



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624-9095
Tomorrow—Grady.
Jan. 28—Smoot Mahuti.
Feb. 3—Pat Boyack & The Prowlers.
Feb. 4—Live Comedy Show.
Feb. 5—5th Anniversary Party. Featuring Subterraneans, Missionaries, and Walking on Einstein.
Feb. 11—The Cate Brothers Band.
Feb. 17—The Victors.
Champs Bar and Grill
782-4944
Feb. 3/4—Rockit Science.
Feb. 10/11—Brad Absher Band.
Feb. 17/18—Smoot Mahuti.
Feb. 24/25—The Oscillators.
Mar. 3/4—Blues Blasters.
Culture Shock
96 Main Street
Tomorrow—Spunk with Drone.
Feb. 1—Spunk with Sodomites.
Feb. 4—Loaded with Curb Feelers and Neckbones.
Feb. 10—Beakups with Bubble Boys and Frog Pond.
Feb. 17—Brine with Devolve.

CARTHAGE

Stone's Throw Dinner Theatre
417-358-9665
Jan. 26, 27, and 28—The Trip to Bountiful.
Mar. 16, 17, and 18—Opal's Million Dollar Duck.
Apr. 8, 9—You Caught Me Dancing.
Apr. 20, 21, 22—A Woman With No Name.
June 29, 30, 31—Cat On A Hot Tin Roof.

KANSAS CITY

Memorial Hall
816-931-3330
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SPRINGFIELD

Shrine Mosque
417-831-2727
Feb. 5—Pantera with Type O Negative.

ST. LOUIS

Mississippi Nights
314-421-3853
Jan. 30—Marilyn Manson.
Feb. 1—Ween.
Feb. 5—Meditations with Reggae at Will.
Feb. 7—Gov't Mule.
Rickman Auditorium
314-296-8000
March 11—Glen Campbell.
April 8—Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons.
May 13—The Oak Ridge Boys.
American Theatre
314-291-7600
Feb. 2—Slayer with Biohazard and Machine Head.
Feb. 17—Steven Wright.
Powell Hall
314-534-1111
Feb. 9—Nanci Griffith.

TULSA

Philbrook Museum of Art
918-748-5316
Feb. 1-19—The History of Oklahoma Artists Annual Exhibition.
Feb. 1-March 12—Durer and Rembrandt: The Felix Warburg Collection of German and Netherlandish Prints.
Feb. 1-March 12—The Graven Image: Master Prints from the Robert and Barbara Huff Collection.
Tulsa Performing Arts Center
918-747-7473
Feb. 5—Tulsa Young Symphony.
Feb. 7-9—Five Guys Named Moe.
Feb. 11—Tulsa Philharmonic Masterworks Concert.

THEATRE PREVIEW

Beckett classic opens Wednesday night

'Waiting For Godot' hopes to thrill with its theatrical comedy, drama

By MICHAEL DAVISON
STAFF WRITER

Waiting is a part of life, and what people do while they wait is explored in *Waiting For Godot*, the first Southern Theatre spring production.

The Samuel Beckett play, which runs Feb. 1-4 at 7:30 p.m.

in Taylor Auditorium, concentrates on two tramps told to wait until Godot comes.

"Everybody has waited in line for tickets," said Sam Claussen, associate professor of theatre and director of the play. "Everybody has waited in line to go to dinner. If you could think those thoughts of what you feel like as you wait, then these two tramps, Vladimir and Estragon, will go through that myriad of ways of waiting."

"People have to come prepared to think. They don't need to come expecting to sit back and be entertained," Claussen said. "They have to come with an

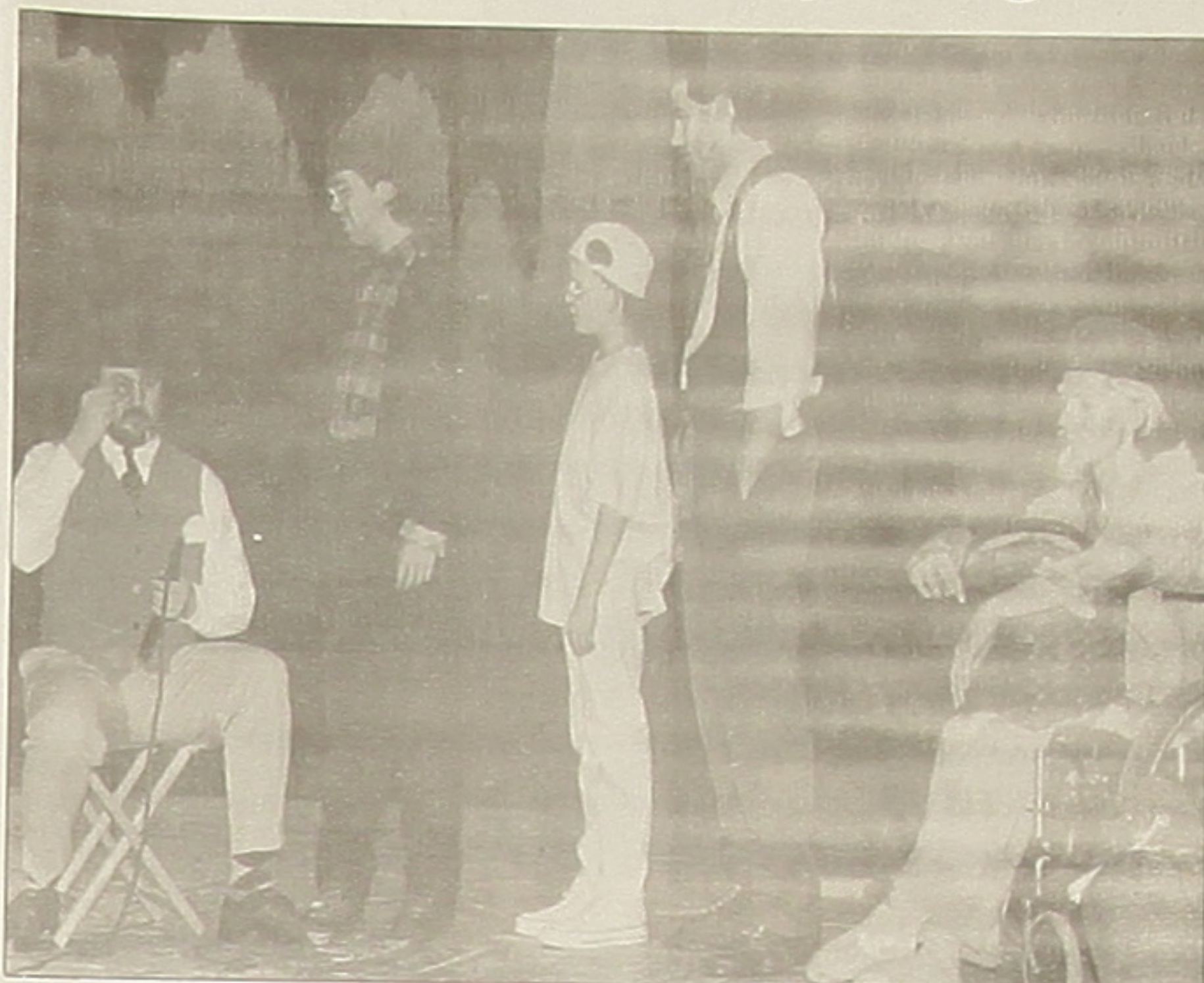
open mind and be prepared to listen and to watch. If they do that they'll find themselves laughing and thinking deeply about life."

Vladimir, played by Brandon Lee Davidson, and Estragon, played by Duane Sidney, invent games, eat, sing, and contemplate suicide while waiting.

"The rehearsals have been a learning process for me," Davidson said. "It is an entirely new form of theatre, so rehearsals have included brainstorming about what the playwright meant and different interpretations from the different actors in the cast."

Serving as dramaturge for the production is Brenda Jackson, instructor of theatre. She said a dramaturge is an expert in theatre history and play analysis.

"I did research on what the play means and how it is structured and the history of the play," Jackson said. The cast also includes Liam R. Watts as Pozzo, D. Jason Wofford as



Waiting For Godot, the first play of the season, will begin its run next week. Cast members include (from left to right) Liam Watts, Brandon Davidson, Josh Claussen, Duane Sidney, and Donald Jason Wofford.

Lucky, and Josh Claussen as a boy.

"Although Jason uses a wheelchair, Claussen said, 'I don't see him as being handicapped. He is one of the least handicapped people I know. He plays his part well,

knows his character, and the fact he is in a wheelchair really doesn't have a part of his character."

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens, high school students, and children. Missouri

Southern students, faculty, and staff will receive free tickets.

For reservations and more information, persons may call the Taylor Auditorium box office at (417) 625-3190. □

ANGELIC POP



The Christian band Audio Adrenaline will appear at Taylor Auditorium on Feb. 10. Tickets are \$12.50 reserved, \$10.50 groups.

DEBATE

Team regroups after long trip

By DAN WISZKON
ARTS EDITOR

January proved to be a busy month for senior Kenneth DeLaughter and junior Eric Dicharry of the debate team.

They competed in three tournaments in less than two weeks.

"We didn't have a Christmas break," DeLaughter said. "We researched and worked, but now we're back in school and very tired."

"School is actually a break for us," Dicharry added.

The team took home a fifth-place trophy in the first tournament at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., on Jan. 5-7.

"It wasn't our best performance but it wasn't our worst either," said coach Eric Marlow. "We got some tough breaks and a really rough preliminary draw that was hard to overcome. It was a very long and tiring experience."

The team fared better in Manhattan, Kan., where it took part in a round-robin followed by

the Kansas State Tournament. DeLaughter, a communications major, and Dicharry, an English major, went 4-10 at the round-robin tournament, which put them in fourth place.

But Marlow said they really started to come alive at the Kansas State Tournament, where they ended up 6-2 in preliminaries with DeLaughter winning an eighth-place speaker award. They lost in the quarterfinals to Michigan State, considered one of the top three debate teams in the country.

Marlow believes Southern, because its strongest performance was at the last of the three tournaments, is improving in comparison to the rest of the teams in the country.

"I was really impressed with the way the guys turned it on and beat three of the Jesuit qualifiers in a row on the second day," Marlow said. "That's a stiff day for anybody in the country, and they just pretty much munched

them. And that makes us look good on the national level."

This weekend the rest of the squad will venture east to Carbondale, Ill., to debate in the Saluki tournament.

The squad is also showcasing a new look this semester.

According to Marlow, senior accounting major Shelley Newton quit debate in order to devote more time to her education and job.

Kim Lawry, who debated for Southern last year, is back for her second stint. She is a junior history major who is eligible for junior varsity competition. Marlow notes that Lawry is a hard worker who could take a leadership role on the squad after DeLaughter and Dicharry graduate.

"I've been impressed with her work ethic up to this point," Marlow said. "It's always good to have young faces on the squad because that means there will be people around for the future." □

WINGED LION

Literary magazine encourages submissions of poems, stories

Originality, ability will be key for works selected for publication

By DAN WISZKON
ARTS EDITOR

Time is running out for submission of poems, short stories, and creative non-fiction to the *Winged Lion* literary arts magazine at Missouri Southern.

The deadline for written works is Wednesday, and the art and photography deadline has already passed. To submit a written entry a typed and signed copy must be placed in Dr. Art Saltzman's mailbox in the English department on the third floor of Hearnes Hall.

The magazine is accepting written material from students, faculty, and staff of the College.

"You don't have to be an English or an art major to contribute," said P.J. Graham, one of three literary editors. "Anybody related to Southern, either by employment or enrollment, may submit entries."

The three literary editors selecting works for publication are

Graham, Mark Sweet, and Kirby Fields. Literary adviser is Dr. Joy Dworkin, assistant professor of English, and art adviser is Dave Noblett, associate professor of art. The magazine is sponsored by the English and art departments of the College.

Graham said the editors select material based on originality as well as writing skills. Sweet said he looks for uniqueness.

"It either grabs you or it doesn't," he said. "And I read a lot of other poets as well, so you know when something is different."

Fields, a senior English major, said there are many reasons why the magazine is valuable.

"Of the three student publications on campus, the *Winged Lion* allows for the most creativity," Fields said. "Plus, the *Winged Lion* is proof that we have students on campus who are writing and who are being creative. Without the *Winged Lion*, who would know that?"

All three editors said they attempt to remain unbiased during the selection process.

"And we never, ever vote on our own work," Sweet said.

Last year writers who had their work published in the *Winged Lion* read their stories publicly in the lounge area of the Billingsly Student Center. According to Graham, readings may be accompanied by actual sculptures and paintings which appear in the magazine's photos.

"This can give experience to artists or anybody else who wants to continue with these types of creative activities as a career," Graham said. "It also gives them some exposure and a chance to learn how to present their work."

The *Winged Lion*, a recipient of the Regional Pacemaker awarded by the Associated Collegiate Press, earned first place with special merit from the American Scholastic Press Association.

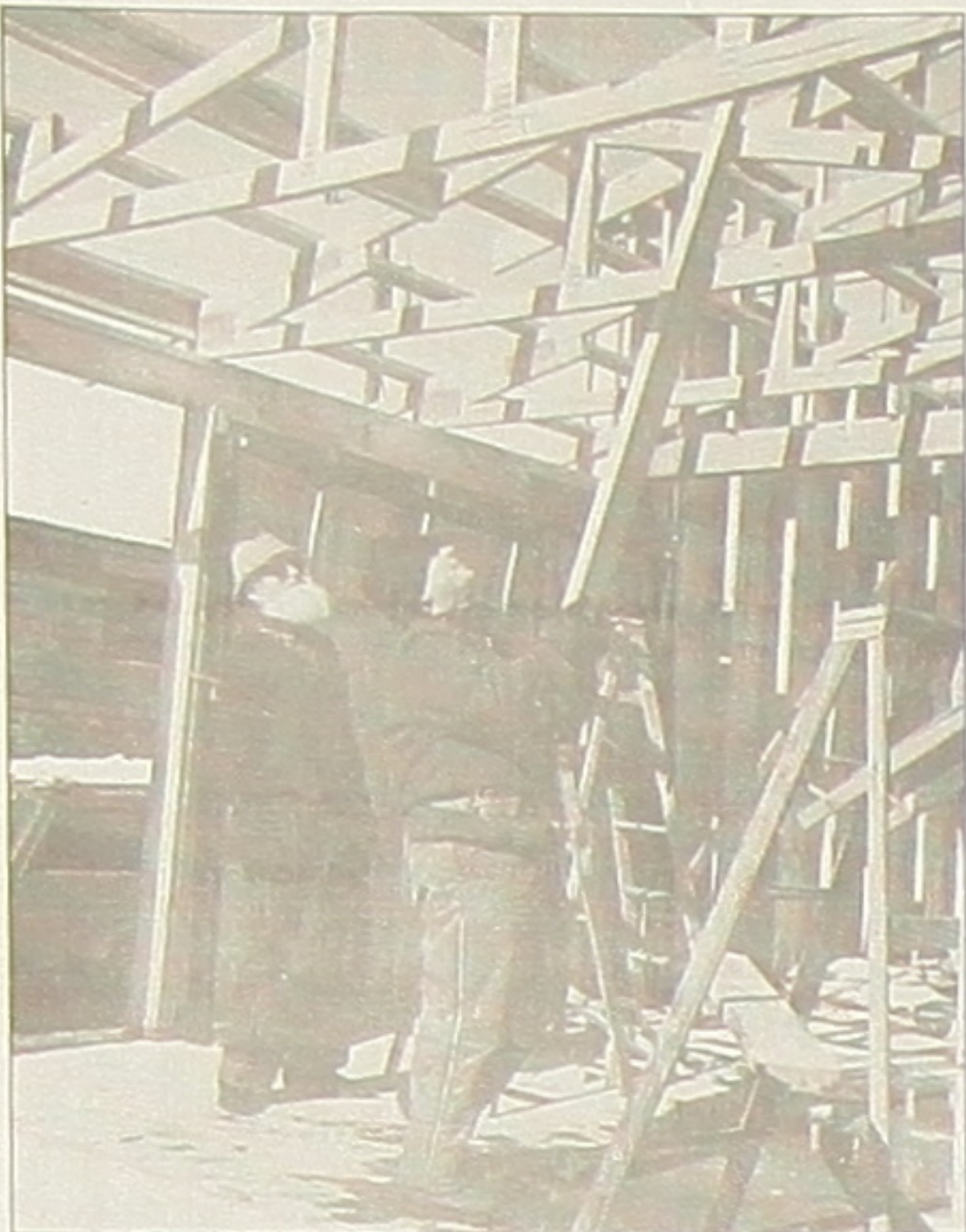
The magazine's publishing date is scheduled for May. □

GETTING THE BOOT



Tickets are now available for Springfield Ballet's presentation of *Faustwork* Mask Theater at Landers Theatre on March 3-5.

KEEPING AN EYE ON HEAVEN



VICKI STEELE/The Chart

Dallas Simpson "supervises" as Bob Miller hands lumber to Pastor Cleveland and Bennie Gibby (not pictured) on the roof.

AREA CHURCH

Building on the rock with blood, sweat, tears

Church volunteers work overtime despite snow and cold weather

By VICKI STEELE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven...a time to break down and a time to build up...

These words from the Bible tell the story of the Carterville Christian Center according to Tina Lee, church member.

Volunteers, including Lee, are giving up their Saturdays to erect a new church at 220 W. Main in Carterville. The old building stood on that site from the mid-1930s until May 1994, when members tore that structure down.

"The original church was falling down," Pastor Morris Cleveland said. "The roof was falling in on our heads. We had to tear down the old one and put up the new because we wanted it safe for our children."

Cleveland works as a lab assistant at the Empire Electric plant in

Asbury when he isn't preparing for worship services. On Saturdays, he builds on the new structure, "getting the job done."

"We've been busy trying to get into the dry," Cleveland said. "You

No one says 'I'm boss' here. We just talk and listen to each other. The one with the most knowledge about that part of the building process takes the lead.

Bob Miller

could say we're building this church with blood, sweat, and tears."

Church members have contributed most of the labor except for some outside help with the trusses and concrete foundation.

"We try to set a construction goal every week and then complete that goal," Bob Miller said. "I think we'll be finished by spring."

Construction on the 4,000 square foot building began in June 1993.

The church can seat 300 people. At this time about 65 members regularly attend the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service, Cleveland said.

Bennie Gibby, 29, tries to put in at least five hours a week aiding in the construction process. Like most of the other volunteers, he also has a full-time job. His wife,

Miller said; "We just all talk and listen to each other. The one with the most knowledge about that part of the building process takes the lead."

Miller drew up the blueprint along with Leroy Wilson, architect and church member. Miller spends at least two or three days a week at the construction site.

The plans include a sanctuary, vestibule, several classrooms, and offices. A 30' x 6' window will give visitors visual access to an area filled with plants.

"The Lord gives us favors in many ways," Cleveland said. "We still have to watch every penny. I think we'll get this finished for less than \$35-40,000, without the carpet."

The church members have had a chili feed, rummage sale, and a "silver march" to collect money to support the project. Cleveland said more fund raisers are needed to purchase the carpet.

"It'll be nice when we get it all done," Cleveland said. "We've got a concrete foundation. We're using good lumber. Once we get this church up, it won't move." □

JOPLIN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Golden Apple awards honor city's 'unsung heroes'

Area teachers nominated for recognition

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
STAFF WRITER

Thank you. Next to I love you, these may well be the most cherished words in the English language. Once a year that sentiment is focused on Joplin teachers through the Golden Apple Program.

The awards are sponsored by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, the Empire District

Electric Company, and Pillsbury. The program is in its 10th year.

"Teachers are unsung heroes," said Fred Laas, chairman of the Golden Apple Committee. "We are pleased to see how the program has expanded over the years, and hope to have more nominations than ever this year."

More than 45 teachers were nominated last year. Any community member may make a nomination

by writing a letter to the Chamber of Commerce. Every nomination must have at least one letter of support from a student and a parent.

Teachers from all 12 grades and kindergarten are recognized. One award is given in each of four categories: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.

"One of the best things about this program," said Terri Conklin, "is that all the nominees are honored, not just the four winners."

"There is a free reception for all the nominees, students, parents,

everyone. It is an honor just to be nominated."

Conklin, who teaches at Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School, received that honor four times. Last year she won the Golden Apple Award in the K-2 category.

When the judging process is complete, all the nominees are invited to a banquet during which the winners are announced.

"That night was exciting, but the next day was even better," Conklin said.

"The kids were so proud, and

people came out of the woodwork to congratulate me. There were so many flowers on my desk, you would think someone had died!"

With an abundance of excellent teachers, it is difficult to single out a few for special honors. That task falls to four judging committees, one for each category. Each committee consists of a former winner, a Golden Apple committee member, a parent, an educator, and a business person.

Nominees write two essays on topics related to their teaching phi-

losophy and techniques. Then they are interviewed by the judges. The letters from the students and parents also carry considerable weight in the decision.

"The award is a \$500 check, a plaque, and a certificate," Conklin said, "but the best part is that you also receive all the letters that people wrote on your behalf. It's a real ego builder."

The deadline for this year's nominations is Feb. 3. Letters should be addressed to the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce. □

By VICKI STEELE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Olive Garden opens in Joplin

Joplin now boasts 167 restaurants with the Jan. 9 opening of the Olive Garden at 3031 East Hammons Blvd.

The Olive Garden serves Italian cuisine. The restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Seating is available for approximately 330 people.

"We have all the bread sticks you can eat, bottomless salad, and bottomless soup," said Kevin Lord, a junior Spanish education major at Missouri Southern and bartender for the Olive Garden.

"All the food is fresh. You hardly ever see any canned foods."

Lord began bartending at the Olive Garden right after Christmas. He worked with other employees setting up the bar area.

"I really enjoy it here," Lord said. "The people are nice, and this is a good company to work for. The management works with you, and I think it is a team environment."

General Mills owns the Olive Garden along with Red Lobster and China Coast restaurants.

The first Olive Garden opened in Orlando, Fla., in 1982. In 1985 the chain began expanding and opening approximately one new

restaurant a week.

"We already have 160 employ-

We have all the bread sticks you can eat, bottomless salad, and bottomless soup. All the food is fresh. You hardly ever see any canned foods.

Kevin Lord

ees," said Debbie Rusaw, general manager. "We have 65 servers and 30 cooks. We are

still hiring people to work and probably will be hiring for some time."

Tuaca umbrellas, a multitude of plants and arched walls, along with soft Italian music playing in the background add to the European flavor of the restaurant.

Carnations in small San Pellegrino bottles and candles decorate the tables.

The interior also features five large murals of authentic Italian scenes painted from black and white snapshots.

"A painter, named Bach, travels to different Olive Gardens painting the murals," Rusaw said. "And all of the plants are alive and real."

"Freshissimo" is the Olive Garden pledge to serve freshly prepared food throughout the year.

Items marked with an asterisk on the menu are seasonal ingredients used to create new dishes.

Mille Strati is a current seasonal item featuring layers of cheese

The restaurant offers "Garden Fare" menu items for guests concerned with calories, fat, or cholesterol.

Lunch prices start at \$4.25, and sandwiches are \$3.95-\$5.95. Dinner pastas begin at \$6.95.

All main dish items include unlimited refills of soup or salad and garlic bread sticks. □

A MAN'S WORK IS NEVER DONE



VICKI STEELE/The Chart

Darkness, damp clothes, and dropping nighttime temperatures could not deter Robbie Rose, 10, from working to complete his snow fort-igloo Jan. 19. He was determined to finish his frozen castle.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

NAACP leader has high hopes for College, chapter, community

Newly-elected president plans positive changes for Joplin area, February membership drive for local organization

By CHRIS MORROW
STAFF WRITER

Randy Brown plans to work closely with Missouri Southern in the future.

Brown was recently elected president of the Joplin Area National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

He plans to work closely with the College's career planning and placement office and other area businesses.

"We don't want to be perceived as a group that gets up and complains, but a group that can effect change," he said. "Not just for minorities, but for everyone. This is just one of the ways we think we can help."

Brown, 35, said his organization's primary goal is to have an impact on the youth of the community. He wants to work with various area schools.

"We hope to help take part in an essay contest centering on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,"

Brown said.

"We want to be involved in every aspect of the community. Joplin is a good place to live and a fine place to raise kids."

"Some of the best people I have ever met, black or white, I met in Joplin," added Brown.

Brown earned a degree in administrative management from the University of Arkansas.

He hopes his organization can help facilitate other aspects of the community and act as a go-between.

"I hope I can say something positive," Brown said. "We want to effect changes for the positive. Everything changes. It is how you react to the changes that makes the difference."

"We want to become a part of the system. We hope we can develop things that will help the whole community to evolve."

One of Brown's concerns is the low membership of his organization. The local NAACP chapter has only 100 members. He is

planning to begin a membership drive in February.

"We want a diverse membership, one that represents the entire community," he said.

Brown believes the relationships his organization can build with other will benefit everyone.

"The NAACP would like to see the community continuing to come together," he said. "We will work with anyone as long as their intentions are honorable."

"The College and the community should work together. We want to help and put together a good thing."

Brown received the 1995 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. award. Mayor Ron Richards presented the plaque at Monday's city council meeting.

Brown's wife, Bernice, accepted the award. Bernice Brown said due to King's efforts in the past she had opportunities in the present she wouldn't have otherwise enjoyed without his positive influence. □

HIGHER EDUCATION

Missouri college presidents make presentations

Leon states international mission, funding results to House committee

By RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Missouri Southern President Julio Leon expressed the College's constructive handling of state funds as part of his testimony to a House appropriations subcommittee Tuesday in Jefferson City.

Leon reminded legislators about the continually decreasing percentage of state funds issued to higher education in past years. Southern saved \$2.5 million when it refinanced payments during a time when interest rates were at rock bottom. The College installed a \$1 million fiber-optics system and is spending \$1.5 million for a new Student Life Center.

Leon also emphasized the need for the legislators to support Southern's concentration on international education (see related story, page 1) and the state's growing need for manufacturing technology education.

Southern's proposed mission enhancement will be introduced in a bill today. The measure will also include a revised mission for Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph. Western's proposed mission focuses on remedial education.

Leon, who was accompanied by Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, was only one of several Missouri college presidents who

spoke to the committee this week. In addition, Dr. Charles McClain, commissioner of higher education, began the meeting with testimony that criticized the current governing system of higher education.

McClain said higher education institutions in Missouri are overlapping courses and aren't giving students as many options for learning.

"We need a system that is more turf free if we are going to provide the maximum amount of service to the public," McClain said. "Given

the fact that the state makes an investment of \$700 million, we should expect the system to be organized."

A more "organized" system could prevent college presidents from making cer-

"We need a system that is turf free if we are going to provide the maximum amount of service to the public."

Dr. Charles McClain
Commissioner of Higher Education

tain decisions about how an institution spends its funds, a concept Leon discouraged during his presentation.

Leon said the testimony will have little effect on the amount of funds each institution will receive because the funding is unlikely to change much from Gov. Mel Carnahan's recommendations.

The governor has recommended \$14,932,581 for the College in fiscal year 1996, an increase of more than \$700,000 from the school's budget in FY '95.

"What we're going to get is pretty much already set," Leon said. □

ROYALTY



Former All-Star George Brett, right, and Kansas City Royals' manager Bob Boone join Sen. Marvin Singleton before heading to the Senate Lounge for a press conference at the Capitol in Jefferson City.

MISSOURI LOTTERY

Lottery feeds education

By RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

And the winner is ... Education. The Missouri Lottery transferred nearly \$11.7 million Monday to the Lottery Proceeds Fund, whose sole purpose is to fund public education in Missouri.

The money, based on lottery ticket sales in December, brings the total proceeds to education for fiscal year 1995, which began July 1, to nearly \$72 million.

Since July 1, 1993, all lottery revenues, including gambling proceeds, have been directed to elementary, secondary, and higher education—to the tune of more than \$182 million.

Missouri public colleges and universities received \$25 million, about 35 percent of the FY '94 proceeds. The majority of the higher education proceeds, \$19 million, brought colleges and universities into compliance with the federal Americans With Disabilities Act, passed in 1990 to give the disabled stronger rights. The other \$6 million funded maintenance and repair projects throughout various post-secondary state institutions.

Higher education will receive an estimated \$58.7 million from this year's proceeds, or about 45 percent.

Chantelle Oligschlaeger, Missouri Lottery public relations coordinator, said the lottery makes up about 2 percent of total education funding.

Since the lottery began in 1986, it

For Every Dollar Spent on The Missouri Lottery

53.5%	Player Prizes
31.5%	Education
9%	Administrative Costs
6%	Incentives & Bonuses

is estimated that \$980 million has been given away in prizes, more than \$650 million has been contributed to the state, and more than \$117 million has been earned by retailers in commissions and incentives (as of July 1, 1994).

The lottery had record sales for FY '94. Final sales totaled \$349,814,988, breaking the previous sales record of \$257 million set in 1993.

Although the state's voters made the primary decision of where to direct gambling proceeds, the Missouri legislature, along with the governor, designates how those funds will be appropriated within the education departments.

Lottery proceeds allocated to higher education by Gov. Mel Carnahan and the General Assembly through the annual appropriations process are as follows:

- 1) \$1.5 million ... Library technology, computer networking at two-year institutions.
- 2) \$3.5 million ... Library

acquisitions and related needs at four-year institutions.

3) \$2 million ... Library acquisitions and related needs at two-year institutions.

4) \$2.7 million ... University of Missouri endowed chairs (investment that will get about \$8 million for world-class teacher and research).

5) \$13.7 million ... Four-year campuses.

6) \$12.4 million ... Operating maintenance and repair at four-year institutions.

7) \$4.3 million ... Four-year funding formula increases.

8) \$750,000 ... Missouri student grant (These funds will provide non-repayable grants to eligible Missouri post-secondary students who may receive need-based grants up to a maximum of 10 semesters).

9) \$357,000 ... Bootheel Education Center at Malden.

10) \$1.1 million ... Missouri student grants (These funds replace general revenue funds, which were in place before the lottery proceeds were isolated to education.)

11) \$50,000 ... Small Business Development Center, Northwest Missouri State University.

12) \$209,000 ... West Plains Campus, Southwest Missouri State University and mission expansions.

13) \$25,000 ... Marguerite Ross Scholarship.

14) \$16.1 million ... Capital improvements (including \$2 million for Webster Hall at Missouri Southern State College). □

HIGHER EDUCATION

Linn Technical could become state college

By RYAN BRONSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Missouri legislators are taking steps to create a backbone for manufacturing technology, and Linn Technical College will be the first vertebra.

In a comprehensive study of Missouri's higher education system, the Missouri Business and Education Partnership Commission recommended the strengthening of post-secondary vocational education.

In its report, the commission specifically recommended that "the state create a system of two-year post-secondary vocational/technical institutes modeled after Linn Tech."

Eventually, the report stated, the system might include as many as five or six institutions.

Sen. Michael Lybyer (D-Huggins) introduced Senate Bill 101 to a Senate appropriations committee Tuesday afternoon in Jefferson City. The bill establishes the east campus of Linn Technical College as Linn State Technical College, if such facilities, equipment, and adjoining grounds are given to the state by the Osage R-II District.

"Linn Tech has a good reputation already," Lybyer said. "It has been a very successful technical school."

"Missouri needs a higher number of well-trained individuals," he said, "and we better be able to train people who work in these fields."

Linn Tech President Donald Claycomb said the state will gain

approximately \$19 million in assets, including 220 acres of land, if the college becomes state-supported.

The board of regents at Linn State Technical College would have seven voting members and one non-voting student member.

The term of office for voting members would be six years, except that two initial terms would be for two years and two would be for four years. The members of the board would receive necessary expenses for attending meetings.

Linn State Technical College, which Claycomb said would be better equipped to work with other area schools, would not offer associate of arts or baccalaureate degrees.

As it is, Linn Tech is the only public school in Missouri offering an associate degree in applied science that does not answer or fall under the oversight of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. More than 500 students pay approximately \$4,000 per year to attend the school.

Claycomb said tuition and fees would probably drop to about \$2,400, which is similar to the amount charged to students by other other-year public colleges in Missouri.

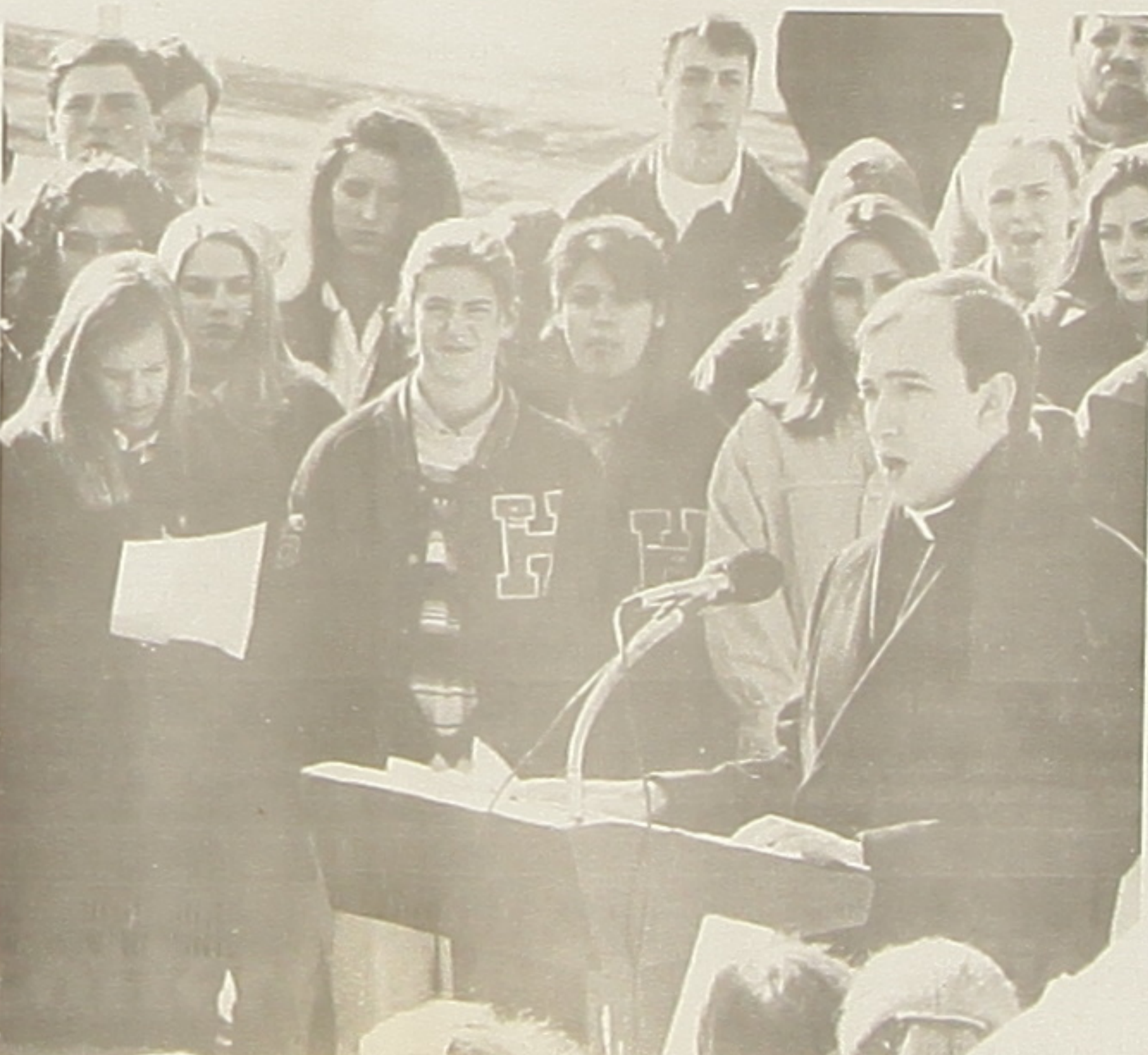
If the tuition costs drop, Claycomb said the facilities would be adequate for a larger number of students.

"With the current facilities, we would be able to have at least 750 students," he said. □

"Missouri needs a higher number of well-trained individuals, and we better be able to train people ..."

Sen. Michael Lybyer
D-Huggins

RIGHT TO LIFE



A crowd suffered through the cold temperatures Wednesday at the Memorial for the Innocents service for mid-Missouri children killed through abortion. Father Don Siciliano was the first of eight speakers.

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

Northwest raises student's tuition, fees

In-state undergraduate tuition at Northwest Missouri State University will increase 7 percent for the 1995-96 academic year, from \$71 to \$76 per credit hour.

An undergraduate Missouri resident taking 15 hours, living in a double occupancy residence hall room, and purchasing an 18-meal per week contract will pay \$2,805 per semester. That's \$172, or 6.5 percent, above costs for the current academic year.

Northwest's Board of Regents also increased moving traffic violations from \$20 to \$30 and photocopies made with debit cards from 7 to 8 cents.

Coach Steenbergen resigns at Northwest

Gayla Steenbergen, for 13 years the head women's softball coach at Northwest Missouri State University, has resigned effective Jan. 31.

Steenbergen has accepted a position as principal and physical education instructor at an alternative high school in Kansas City.

Steenbergen compiled a 273-267 record at Northwest and was named MIAA coach of the year in 1985. Her 1984 team captured the MIAA championship.

Steenbergen came to Northwest in the fall of 1980 as a graduate assistant coach in volleyball, basketball, and tennis. In 1981, after earning her master's degree, she was named full-time head softball coach and assistant women's basketball coach.

Greene County feels impact of Southwest

Every day, Springfield and Greene County feel the positive economic impact of Southwest Missouri State University—to the tune of \$1.44 million per day, or \$527 million per year.

According to a recently released study, "The Impact of Southwest Missouri State University on the Springfield-Greene County Economy, 1994," the typical SMSU student (including the families of married students) spends more than \$8,000 within Greene County each year, while university employees and their families average more than \$30,000 apiece.

The 114-page report by two SMSU economics professors also found that when part-time employees are counted, SMSU is the largest employer in Greene County. Also, because a large number of students hold jobs, the university's presence in Springfield boosts the local labor force by more than 10,000 workers.

Japanese students sponsor fund raiser

The Japanese Student Association at Southeast Missouri State University is sponsoring a fund-raising drive for survivors of the devastating earthquake that recently struck Kobe, Japan.

George Dordoni, international student adviser at Southeast, said several members of the Japanese Student Association were interested in helping the survivors in Kobe. Funds collected will be forwarded directly to the American Red Cross Japanese Relief.

Dordoni said three Southeast students are from the area in Japan affected by the quake.

Northeast increases drop/add fee to \$15

Northeast Missouri State University has increased its drop/add fee from \$5 to \$15 this semester.

According to David Rector, budget director, the drop/add fee had remained \$5 since the 1960s.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Southern lands 102-66 victory

Lady Lions face battle at Mo-Rolla riding four-game winning streak

By NICK PARKER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

All members of the Lady Lions contributed to a 102-66 victory over the Northwest Missouri State Bearcats last night.

An anxious crowd of approximately 550 people watched as Tonya Hocker became the final Lady Lion to score with a free throw at the 1:35 mark.

Southern upped its overall record to 12-5 and its MIAA mark to 6-1. Northwest fell to 8-8 and 1-6.

Junior guard Melissa Grider was the leading scorer with 25 points, hitting 4-5 from three-point range and 9-11 from the field.

Senior guard Sonya Harlin added 17 points, but her intensity on defense helped the Lady Lions grab a 53-35 halftime lead. The Missouri Southern defense forced a total of 37 turnovers.

"We pressed early because we wanted to get out and get the lead," senior center Karen Loewe said. "The past few games we've been down, and it is really hard to come back and get your game back up if you're down. At Emporia we got out early; it was a lot easier to play then."

Loewe had two blocked shots, seven steals, and eight rebounds to go along with her 16 points.

"The last two weeks we've played good defense," said head coach Scott Ballard. "We're starting to play a complete game. Like when Mandy [Shaw] and Sarah [Beckley] were having troubles, people were picking up for each other. Other than Pitt State, our opponents have averaged only 60 points against us."

There were a couple of bright spots for the Bearcats. Forward Amy Krohn led the team with 17 points. Just eight minutes into the game, Krohn had already scored 13 of her 15 first-half points. Three straight three-pointers from Krohn helped Northwest to an 8-0 run early in the game.

Bearcat head coach Wayne Winstead gave credit to Southern's defense, saying turnovers were the key to the Lady Lions' victory.

"The difference in the game was turnovers," he said. "When you let a team get you on your heels you're not pushing the ball and creating opportunities for your team to score. We didn't make the good decisions we needed to make on the inside, thus the turnovers. Our kids aren't seasoned like Southern's, but we're going back home."

The Lady Lions will try to keep their four-game winning streak going Saturday at Missouri-Rolla. □

POWER THROUGH THE LANE



Senior guard Tommie Horton, who scored 7 points, pushes her way through the lane last night against Northwest Missouri. DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Victory puts Lady Lions in title reach

By RICK ROGERS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Lady Lions leaped forward in the conference standings, taking over second place with a 102-66 victory last night.

Southern improved its MIAA record to 6-1 and put itself within a game of conference-leading Missouri Western. The Lady Griffons, 7-0, downed Pittsburg State 85-68 in St. Joseph. PSU fell to 4-3.

Northeast Missouri aided the Lady Lions by beating Southwest Baptist 90-89 in Kirksville. SBU, who was riding a four-game winning streak, dropped to 5-2 in the league.

In other MIAA action last night, the Missouri-St. Louis Lady Rivermen came away with a road victory as they defeated Lincoln University 84-71.

In a low scoring affair, Washburn University improved its conference record to 5-2 with a 64-42 victory over Emporia State.

Three teams in the conference are currently ranked among the nation's top 20 in Division II.

Missouri Western (5), Pittsburg State (7), and Southwest Baptist (13) are among the nation's best.

The Lady Lions' next conference battle will come at Missouri-Rolla Saturday. The Lady Miners lost at Central Missouri State last night, 58-57.

Southern will battle at first place Missouri Western on Feb. 15. □

SPORTS COLUMN



RICK ROGERS

Would you show some R-E-S-P-E-C-T

One word I have found missing from the men's athletic department of Missouri Southern is respect.

During the past few basketball games, I have glanced around the hallowed rafters of little ol' Young Gymnasium to find nothing but off-white ceiling tile and lime green steel supports. As my eyes began to ache, I asked myself what was missing—then it hit me.

Why doesn't Missouri Southern athletics show admiration toward its former players, to those who have made enormous contributions to their sport? An example of such representation would be to hang their numbers or jerseys up in the rafters of our gym.

Jim Frazier, men's athletic director, said the men's athletic department has never put much thought into the idea of retiring players' jerseys, nor does it plan to in the future. He also mentioned that the various sports cannot retire the number of each player who dies while attending Southern, because some 300 players go through the system each year.

I agree. The athletic departments should not retire a player's jersey just because he or she happened to die while attending Southern. Don't get me wrong—it is very disturbing to hear of a player passing away. But should a number be retired in his or her honor? I don't know.

However, the department should retire a player's number in retrospect of that player's performance on the court or in the field.

Perhaps the greatest example that comes to mind is former Southern basketball standout Chris Tucker, who received many honors during his four-year career. He was the Lions' all-time leader in blocked shots (179), second-leading career rebounder (952), a second-team Basketball Gazette All-American, and a two-time MIAA and National Defensive Player of the Week. This makes Tucker worthy of being honored by displaying his No. 53 in the rafters of Young Gymnasium.

Tragically, Tucker was killed in a car accident on July 9, 1994. However, the point is that he should have his jersey retired not for the simple fact that he died, but because he was one of the best ever to wear the green and gold.

Some other players who should have their numbers recorded are Greg Garton, the basketball Lions' all-time career scoring leader, and Rod Smith, who led the Lions to their first-ever MIAA football championship and was also a first-team All-American selection.

The women's athletic department, under the direction of Sallie Beard, has retired two players' jerseys. Lady Lion basketball stars Margaret Womack and Anita Rank had their numbers retired for a period of five years, but now these numbers are back in circulation. It seems to me that the women's athletic department has the ball rolling in the right direction, but why only five years? It makes no sense. Yes, the argument can be made that Missouri Southern is a small NCAA Division II school that does not need to hassle with retiring players' jerseys, but that excuse seems a little weak to me. I don't think a drape of cloth with the players' numbers attached to it is too much to ask for, especially in light of the tremendous contributions some players have given to their sport. □

Rick Rogers

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Lions claw NWMO 101-86

By RICK ROGERS
SPORTS EDITOR

Foul trouble early on by Northwest Missouri State's 6-foot-9 senior center Ricky Jolley helped Missouri Southern's cause in a 101-86 victory last night in front of an estimated 1,000 fans at Young Gymnasium.

In the first half, Jolley, the Bearcats' (8-9 overall, 2-5 MIAA) leading scorer, was slapped with two fouls in the first five minutes, forcing him to sit the bench for the remainder of the half.

Southern (8-9, 3-4) took full advantage of Jolley's absence, controlling the boards on both ends with 51 rebounds.

Head coach Robert Corn said rebounding was an apparent reason in the Lions' success last night.

"Rebounding has been a thorn in our side all season," he said. "If we rebound, we have a pretty good

game. If we don't, we give up easy baskets, and we can't afford to give up easy baskets."

Corn said Southern seemed sluggish early on, until 6-4 junior forward Kevin Shorter's dunk put some spark into the Lions' offense.

"I think he (Shorter) is a key to our basketball team," Corn said. "He was much more aggressive tonight. Whenever he gets that aggressive he opens himself up for the jump shot."

Led by Shorter and 6-4 senior forward Terrance Sisson, Southern overcame a 52-50 halftime deficit with a 9-0 run to start the second half.

After a Bearcat timeout, Northwest Missouri State head coach Steve Tappmeyer inserted Jolley back into the game. But it took no time at all for Jolley to find foul trouble once again. He received back-to-back fouls and sat out a total of 13 minutes in the second half. Jolley, averaging 14.6 points a game, finished

the game with six points after fouling out at the 5:16 mark.

Tappmeyer said losing Jolley for more than half the game put his team at an enormous disadvantage under the basket.

"He is our best rebounder," he said. "Having him in there is huge. He had a couple of fouls that weren't necessary. He's got to understand we are not very good when he's not on the floor. He's got to stay out there."

Southern's lead grew to 14 points in the second half when Sisson netted a pair of free throws to put the Lions ahead 98-84 with 18 seconds left in the game. Shorter put the finishing touches on the Lions' victory with a last-second three-pointer.

Southern shot 54 percent from the floor and 37 percent from the three-point line. Sisson led the Lions with 31 points and 15 rebounds, while Shorter added 26 points and 11 rebounds. □

Reece leaves Lions, cites personal problems

By NICK PARKER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Starting point guard Eddie Reece said personal problems triggered his decision to leave the Lion squad after the fall semester.

Although there were rumors of differences with Lions head coach Robert Corn, Reece and Corn both denied such problems. Rumors of academic ineligibility were also denied.

"There were no problems with coach or the team," Reece said. "I just had some things I needed to work out myself over the break."

Corn emphasized there were no difficulties with Reece on or off the court.

"There were no problems, no animosity, no hard feelings at all," Corn said. "Eddie is a good

kid." The Lions were 3-4 before Reece left the team. Reece, a junior transfer from South Alabama, averaged 14.3 points per game in his seven starts.

Despite losing a valuable member of the team, Corn stressed the need to continue as planned.

"You don't lose a guy like Eddie and stay the same, but on the other hand you have to keep going," Corn said. "We are still doing the same things we were doing before; we just have to keep moving on."

Even though he won't share in the team's victories and defeats for a while, Reece said he plans to rejoin the Lions next season.

"I'll be back next year to finish out my basketball career at Southern," he said. "I'm looking forward to coming back and playing ball." □

Despite winter, track heats up

By RICK ROGERS
SPORTS EDITOR

Track and field jumped out of the starting blocks and into its winter indoor season Saturday at the University of Arkansas Invitational in Fayetteville.

The men's track and field squad, coached by Tom Rutledge, consists of 15 runners. Rutledge said he was pleased with this season's squad, but the efforts of junior decathlete Jason Ramsey will be missed. Rutledge said Ramsey is planning

to red-shirt this season for conditioning purposes.

Last season, Ramsey, an All-American selection, was voted among the top 25 decathletes in the nation and the MIAA indoor/outdoor MVP.

Without Ramsey, Rutledge will look toward a cluster of runners led by senior Scott Tarnowiecki, sprint and jump captain, and senior Jamie Nofsinger, distance captain. Other runners include sophomore Paul Baker, middle distance; junior Albert Bland, sprinter and defending conference champion in the

long jump; freshman James Thrash, sprinter; freshman Tim Kerr, distance; and junior David Groves, who placed second in the MIAA pole vault competition last season.

Rutledge said the results from the University of Arkansas Invitational were adequate, but he saw room for improvement.

"I was really pleased with the effort and performance of a lot of our runners," he said. "We need more experience, though. We are going to need the freshmen to get a little tougher."

The Lady Lions track and field

squad is led by one senior and four freshmen, which puts an inexperienced squad in the hands of first-year head coach Patty Vavra.

Senior Tongula Walker, the returning national champion in the triple jump, placed first in that competition at the University of Arkansas Saturday with a jump of 39 feet and 10 inches.

Freshmen Dalana Lofland placed third in the 400-meter with a time of 1:01.01. Vavra said she was impressed with Lofland's performance since she had never before ran a race indoors. □



SOUTHERN SCOREBOARD



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

SATURDAY

Men's Basketball: Southern at Missouri-Rolla, 7:45 p.m.

Women's Basketball: Southern at Missouri-Rolla, 5:45 p.m.

Track and Field: Lions, Lady Lions at University of Kansas Invitational in Lawrence, Kan.

WEDNESDAY

Men's Basketball: Southern at Missouri-St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.

Women's Basketball: Southern at Missouri-St. Louis, 5:30 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL



1994 Conference Standings

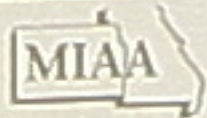
	Con.	Overall
1. Central Missouri(20)	5-1	14-2
2. Missouri-St. Louis	5-1	11-5
3. Northeast Missouri	5-1	9-6
4. Missouri Western(6)	4-2	14-2
5. Washburn	4-2	10-5
6. Pittsburg State	3-3	7-8
7. Southwest Baptist	2-4	11-5
8. Missouri Southern	3-4	8-6
9. Northwest Missouri	2-5	6-9
10. Emporia State	2-4	4-11
11. Missouri-Rolla	1-5	0-7
12. Lincoln	1-5	4-13



News & Notes

Tyrone Lattimer, Sr, CMSU leads the MIAA in scoring with a 24.4 average

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



1994 Conference Standings

	Con.	Overall
1. Missouri Western	6-0	15-1
2. Southwest Baptist	5-1	13-1
3. Missouri Southern	6-1	12-5
4. Pittsburg State	4-2	14-2
5. Washburn	4-2	11-4
6. Central Missouri	3-3	12-4
7. Emporia State	3-3	9-8
8. Missouri-Rolla	3-3	9-7
9. Northwest Missouri	1-6	8-8
10. Northeast Missouri	1-5	4-11
11. Missouri-St. Louis	1-5	6-9
12. Lincoln	0-6	4-9



News & Notes

Rivals Missouri Southern and Missouri Western will battle at MWSC, Feb. 15

INTRAMURALS

Schick Super Hoops:

Champions:

Men: Brett Ulrich, Branton Dawson, Dan Ward, and Rick Haines

Women: Kristin Thomas, Shawna Seward, Jennifer Fabro, and April Bucczinski

Basketball League:

Sign up deadline: Jan. 26

Rules Meeting: 3:00 Jan. 30, on racquetball court 3

Play begins Jan. 31

Racquetball Tourney:

Sign up begins: Jan. 30

Deadline: Feb. 9